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Agents and Correspondents wanted in all Towns of the County.

SATURDAY, MAY 27, 1876.

The County Frauds.

Without expressing ourselves as believing or discrediting the evidence given by Humbert at the late session of the Court, in reference to the complicity of other persons in the frauds that have been in the past perpetrated in this county with perfect impunity; and without making any comments as to the seeming probability of that testimony, we give below a few facts which are matters of record as relating to this matter.

F. H. Greene did not have a settlement with the school commissioner for the State appropriation because, by no fault of his own, he was unable to effect this settlement, but he turned over to T. K. Sasportas, his successor in the county treasurer's office, these vouchers, and took his receipt for the same, as is clearly established by the following affidavit:

Extracts from inventory of books, papers, vouchers, accounts, furniture, &c., and receipt for the same given by T. K. Sasportas to Frank H. Greene, late treasurer of Orangeburg County, S. C., upon T. K. Sasportas assuming the duties of county treasurer:

"One (1) package of school vouchers, marked 'A,' containing settled claims amounting to six thousand two hundred and twelve dollars and twelve cents (\$6,212.12)."

January 1, 1876, of Orangeburg County.

Q. When Humbert made his settlement he had clean vouchers, had he not?

A. He had.

Q. Those vouchers were placed in your office, were they not?

A. They were.

Q. Will you state what you know about this matter?

A. While on the train of the South Carolina Railroad, going from Orangeburg to Columbia, I told Mr. Andrews that I had missed some of the vouchers out of my office, of the settlement he (Andrews) had made with me. Mr. Andrews told me that, inasmuch as a committee of the grand jury of the county had been appointed to investigate all the offices of the county, that the best thing I could do for myself, before that committee, was to make a statement to the effect that J. L. Humbert, county treasurer, had come into my office during my absence, abstracted Andrews' vouchers and made a settlement with me, as county treasurer, for the State appropriation of the school fund of this county for the year ending October 31, 1874, as he (Andrews) held my receipt in full for his settlement.

Q., by Humbert: Did I abstract any vouchers appertaining to Mr. T. C. Andrews' settlement?

A. You did not; but Andrews did.

A few days after the conversation spoken of as having taken place on the train, I met Mr. Andrews at Orangeburg Court House. He told me that he had taken those papers out of my office that were missing, for the purpose of cancelling them, as they had not been properly cancelled; that he had tried to borrow from Humbert some of his school papers to put in my office in place of those he (Andrews) had taken out, and that Humbert had refused to give him those papers.

Before this same committee Primus Burwick, being sworn, testified:

I was Mr. McKinlay's clerk. I was clerk for him from the time Mr. Andrews was treasurer until Mr. McKinlay went out of office. Mr. Andrews had some papers in the office—some papers that he had made a settlement with Mr. McKinlay with—that had been changed twice. They were school claims. About two or three days before the committee that was appointed by the grand jury met, Mr. Andrews brought some vouchers to the office—school claims—and said that they were some papers that he had taken out of there some time ago.

Our Philadelphia Letter.

[From our Regular Correspondent.]

PHILADELPHIA, May 23, 1876.

I have been for four days walking through the immense buildings in Fairmount Park, and have come to the conclusion that it is a big, bewildering thing—a vulgar thing in one sense, for the principal shopmen of the world have come here to advertise their wares, and this advertising is the pronounced feature of the Exhibition. Scandinavia advertises her iron and furs, Gallia her wine and silks, Cathay her vases, and Philadelphia her drugs. If there is any one who does not believe that there is eloquence, poetry, science and art in advertising, he will be convinced at every turn here.

This is a superficial view; beneath the sordid motive that inspires the individual and the mass, the man and the manager, there is the restless turmoil of subtle occult forces contending incessantly for that which is most useful in labor, truest in art, greatest in man.

The Exhibition so far has not been successful in a pecuniary sense. The entertainment is ready (at least partially so)—the music of pipes and cymbals may be heard in the Main Building and in the temples of Epicurus that have sprung up like mad-stools in and around the grounds—but the guests do not come to the feast. Centennial hotels, built for this occasion, each with accommodations for not less than a thousand guests, are not one third full. But few, comparatively, come either to the hotels or to the show. Philadelphia cannot be much more crowded at this time than New York or Baltimore. The reasons are plain. While the whole country, and indeed the world, has an interest in this Exhibition, while literal millions are willing to be at the labor and expense to see it, Philadelphia alone, who has the key to it, looks upon it as created expressly for her gain. There is scarcely a brother of them, bootmaker or banker, who is not looking to immediate profits. There have been

lies are better here than in Europe, and that our people are more accustomed to travel, still it must be remembered that population is not so dense here, and that a visitation of ten millions would be one in every four of our entire census.

Upon the whole I think the gentlemen who have the management of this Exhibition, and those who have reared booths of extortion in and around it, do not fully understand their day. They have failed to take into account the recent panic and the depression in business and industry which pervades the country. There are millions who desire to come here for pleasure and for improvement, but the denizens of the "City of Brotherly Love" must not think that these motives are as powerful as the avarice which is burning in the bowels and brain of every Philadelphian, making him insane with the folly that he can grow rich in six months through extortion of transient visitors.

C. [Since this letter was in type we have seen the announcement that the leading hotels in Philadelphia have reduced their rates to \$3.50 a day, and that the reduction would extend to everything required by visitors.]—Ed. F. C.

Charleston District.

PREACHERS' AND STEWARDS' MEETING.

There will be a Preachers' meeting, for the preachers of the Charleston District, local and traveling, to commence at Orangeburg on Tuesday, the 13th of June, at 10 o'clock, A.M. The meeting for the District Stewards will be held at the M. E. Church, at Orangeburg, at 10 o'clock, A. M., on Wednesday, June 14th.

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